GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6008
ANSWERED ON:26.04.2001
ELECTRIFICATION OF CHENNAI MUMBAI RAIL ROUTE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the electrification of Chennai-Mumbai rail route has been sanctioned by the Cabinet in Septemebr, 2000;

(b) if so, whether the project had already been cleared by the Railway Board and the Planning Commission;

(c) if so, the time by which this project is likely to be completed along with the expenditure incurred thereon;

(d) the time by which the work on electrification of Calcutta-Chennai rail routewhich was costing around Rs.700 crores is expected to be completed;

(e) whether the electrification work of golden quadrilateral of Delhi-Chennai, Delhi-Mumbai, Delhi-Calcutta trunk routes were fully completed;

(f) the total percentage of the tracks of the railway were electrified ; and

(g) the total expenditure to be incurred in completion of the Chennai-Mumbai rail route?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a)&(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(a) The target for completion of electrification of Calcutta-Chennai route is March 2003, subject to availability of funds.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As on 1.4.2001, 24.53% of Railway tracks have been electrified.

(d) Does not arise.